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Mrs. Theo. Roosevelt Jr. Dies at Oyster Bay, L. I.

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Staff Reporter

Eleanor Butler Roosevelt, daughter-in-law of President Theodore Roosevelt, died Sunday night at her home in Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., at the age of 70.

She was the widow of Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who died in France in 1944, shortly after the Normandy invasion.

Mrs. Roosevelt was one of the former President's family favorites, and he often said she "was more like one of his own children than he knew how to say."

She was an active sidekick in her husband's campaigns for public office and service in Government posts. She was a frequent lecturer, wrote profusely for magazines, and was the author of a book of memoirs, "Day Before Yesterday," published in 1959.

Mrs. Roosevelt was born in New York City, the daughter of attorney Henry Addison Alexander. Her interest in politics matched that of the Roosevelt family, and she said it began when her grandfather took her to the polls at the age of 6 "to wait for him while he voted for McKinley."

She campaigned vigorously during her husband's unsuccessful try against Alfred E. Smith for the governorship of New York in 1924.

From 1929 to 1931, while her husband was Governor of Puerto Rico, Mrs. Roosevelt worked with the women of the island in establishing a program of needlework and helping them to obtain a living wage. In 1929, too, she was given a medal of honor and membership in the Kim-Boi (Order of Virtuous Wives) by Emperor Bao Dai of Annam, now Viet-Nam.

In World War I, the former President's oldest son commanded an infantry battalion



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MRS. THEODORE
ROOSEVELT JR.

in France. Mrs. Roosevelt went to France to serve as assistant director of YMCA Leave Areas for United States troops. For her work, she was awarded a citation from Gen. John J. Pershing and the Palms of the Academy from the French government.

At the time of her husband's death, Mrs. Roosevelt was serving in England as director of the American Red Cross Club in London. During World War II she also conducted a WAC recruiting campaign. For her war work she won a commendation from the War Department and the Medal of Freedom.

She is survived by two sons, Theodore Roosevelt III of Philadelphia, and Cornelius V. S., of 2500 Q st. nw., and a daughter, Mrs. William McMillan of Baltimore. Another son, Quentin, died in 1947.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at Christ Church in Oyster Bay.

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